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SUBJECT: MBFR: BELGIAN POSITION ON VIENNA TALKS

REF: VIENNA 5078

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JUNE 18 ADRIAENSSEN READ FROM CABLE OF INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO BURNY END OF LAST WEEK. VERSION TALLIES CLOSELY WITH THAT OUTLINED REFTEL. ADRIAENSSEN SEEMED APOLOGETIC FOR BURNY'S PERFORMANCE, SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT THERE ONLY "TO WARM THE SEAT". EMBOFF TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN THAT BELGIAN FACES IN VIENNA WERE CHANGING TOO RAPIDLY IN A COMPLEX NEGOTIATING SITUATION WHICH CALLED FOR CONTINUITY. ADRIAENSSEN READILY AGREED. HE REGRETTED THAT MINISTRY EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA WAS BOTH LIMITED AND SPREAD TOO THIN. HE HAD HAD TO LEAVE VIENNA FREQUENTLY TO COVER HIS HOME BASE IN BRUSSELS AND WAS OBLIGED TO SEND ONKELINX TO GENEVA. WILLOT IS NOW WORKING FULL TIME ON A STUDY OF US- MBFR NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS.

2. ADRIAENSSEN EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH SECRETARY ROGERS' STATEMENT IN COPENHAGEN AS IT APPLIED TO MBFR. THE BELGIANS WERE
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CONFIDENT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO A DATE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ALLIANCE. THE BELGIANS HAD NO FURTHER PROBLEM ONCE SOVIETS HAD COME UP WITH DATE OF DECEMBER 31. HE REALIZED, HOWEVER, THAT TTIS DATE WAS PROBABLY NOT SATISFACTORY TO THE US. BURNY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT THE BELGIANS COULD AGREE TO A DECEMBER 31 DATE BUT NOT TO REVEAL THIS TO WARSAW PACT REPRESENTATIVES.

3. HE SAID BELGIANS WERE STILL UNHAPPY WITH EMISSARY SYSTEM, BELIEVING THAT ANY FORUM OUTSIDE OF A PLENARY SHOULD BE OPEN-ENDED. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS PROPER BEGAN THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL SCALE REVIEW IN NAC OF THE MODALITIES THEREOF.

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